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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

This week produced some weather with heavy rains and cooler than normal temperatures for this time of year. The days suitable for work are at 6.8 days – up 0.6 days from last year. Despite the weather, this week's field activity remained consistent but crop progress was delayed for the second week in a row. Livestock continues doing well.

Field Crops Summary

Box Elder and Cache counties reported that heavy rains and hail showers damaged some of the fruit crops and hay in the Brigham City and the Willard areas. The first hay cutting has almost come to an end; farmers are anticipating the second cutting. Corn is responding favorably to recent temperatures, averaging about 12 inches in height. Onion reports are not as good as years past. Apricots and sweet cherries are progressing well around the state. Alfalfa Weevil and grasshopper infestations continue to be a major problem in Cache and Beaver counties, not allowing any regrowth where insecticides have not been sprayed. Farmers continue to spray insecticides in order to get the second crop growing. Farmers continue to irrigate their crops despite the heavy rains in the area. In Wayne County pastures have begun to dry up; if dry conditions continue the summer pastures will be in trouble.

Livestock Summary

Livestock around the state continues to be moved to the summer range. Cattle and sheep producers are reporting adequate food water and feed supplies on the other hand some producers have reported supplies less than normal.

Crop Progress for Week Ending June 18, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Barley Headed Stage	62	41	33	55
Oats Harvested Silage/Hay	30	12	19	9
Spring Wheat Headed	17	16	24	46
Winter Wheat Head Stage	89	76	81	84
Alfalfa First Cutting	89	72	76	79
Other Hay Cut	30	16	34	38

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending June 18, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	3	12	27	56	2
Spring Wheat	0	7	35	51	7
Winter Wheat	0	13	54	30	3
Barley	0	3	29	58	10
Sheep	0	0	20	70	10
Cattle/calves	0	5	10	69	16

Livestock Percent for Week Ending June 18, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Sheep Moved to Summer Range	84	81	85	83
Cattle Moved to Summer Range	87	81	87	85

Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 18, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	0	42	58	0
Subsoil	0	39	61	0
Irrigation water supplies	7	8	85	0
Stock water supplies	0	14	86	0